

John Grinnell

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CANTERBURY,


FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1875.

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REPORT.

Whole amount of taxes committed to the collector for 1874, was	\$7,411.22
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The collector has discharged himself as follows:

Paid town treasurer cash and road certificates,	6,588.73
Amount remaining due from collector for 1874,	822.49
Whole amount of money on hand, abatements, &c., received by the treasurer from March 1, 1874, to March 1, 1875,	11,846.88
Amount of payments for the same time as above,	10,166.41
Balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1875,	1,680.47

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1874,	\$768.64
Received of S. B. Foster, collector for 1873,	433.72
S. B. Foster, collector for 1874,	6,588.73
State treasurer, railroad tax,	121.58
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	555.24
State treasurer, literary fund,	97.17
State treasurer, U. S. bounty,	64.00
Merrimack county,	282.74
Received on note of town to Thomas Clough, guardian,	777.07
" " Madison Walley,	25.00
" " Arthur L. Hanniford,	115.00
" " Tirzah A. R. Dow,	50.00

Received on notes of town to	Hiram Miles,	\$105.00
"	" Joseph M. Foster,	150.00
"	" Mrs. James Doldt,	
	treasurer L. B. S.,	40.00
"	" Ebenezer Glover,	20.00
"	" Hazen Dicy,	1,200.00
"	" Silas Q. Heath,	6.21
"	" Joseph W. Bland,	125.00
"	" John H. Wiggin,	109.55
"	" Henry S. Pickard,	20.00
"	" Phebe S. Cofran,	120.00
Received of E. Osgood, for sale of cemetery lots,		72.23
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		\$11,846.88

EXPENDITURES.

Payment on Notes.

Lowell Beck,	\$198.36
James S. Elkins, F. B. S.,	58.72
Nathan Emery,	378.87
Grover Merrill,	660.00
Daniel Randall,	52.60
Betsey S. Morrill,	160.00
Charles Jones,	500.00
James S. Elkins,	2,000.00
Sarah Keniston,	159.59
Henry S. Pickard,	55.50
Thomas Clough, guardian,	325.00
Sarah E. Wiggin,	59.55
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\$4,608.25	

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Billy E. Pillsbury, part of school-house tax,	\$13.50
Leonard Colby, over-tax in 1870,	11.50
Republican Press Association, printing town	
reports for 1873,	40.00
Morrill & Silsby, for stationery,	6.17
A. H. Brown, "	.80
County tax,	1,173.47
State tax,	1,328.00

Paid Wm. M. Cogswell, over-tax,	\$4.00
Josiah Minot, legal advice,	3.00
Chellis & Daniel Dow, for over-tax,	2.00
Samuel Gilman, tax on cow that died,	.47
Francis L. Chaplin, " "	.47
Robert McKerley, " "	.40
Joseph K. Hancock, " "	.47
Luther Sargent, interest on B. Whidden fund,	12.00
John L. Tallant, for tax overpaid in 1874,	5.85
E. G. Chase, for care of town-house,	5.00
Dr. E. E. Graves, for professional services,	1.00
Joseph Heath, tax on dog that died,	1.00
A. L. Hanniford, " "	1.00
C. W. Batchelder, " "	1.00
S. C. Moore, " "	1.00
C. N. Clough, damage to sheep by dogs,	7.70
Wm. K. Holt, " "	2.80
Robert S. Morrill, " "	3.15
D. M. Foster, " "	2.80
P. C. Clough, " "	4.20
J. B. Brown, " "	1.05
Joseph Woods, " "	22.05
M. A. Foster, " "	21.00
Thompson Beck, " "	4.20
Joel S. Ordway, " "	1.75
S. S. Davis, " "	11.20
S. B. Foster, non-resident highway receipts, and abatements for 1873 and 1874,	116.28
E. Osgood, for committee service in 1871,	2.00
E. Osgood, for service and expenses as agent for Maple Grove Cemetery,	27.25
T. K. Mason, for committee service on water- works in 1872,	5.30
E. Osgood, for public watering-trough, 3 years,	9.00
D. M. Clough, for rubble in 1873,	8.00
D. M. Clough, for land damage and interest on T. Clough land, 1870,	13.00
M. B. Neal, damage to wagon in 1873,	2.00
Frank Peverly, " " 1874,	1.50
Sarah A. Hayward, " " 1873,	5.00
Wm. H. Currier, damage to sleigh, 1873,	1.00
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	\$2,884.33

Abatements for 1873.

Lyman R. Fellows,	\$1.89
Frank Peverly,	1.00
James M. Snyder,	1.29
Josiah Sargent,	3.32
Horace S. Reynolds,	1.00
John O. Hill,	1.29
Stephen Mack,	1.29

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Elias S. Pickard, non-res. highway tax, 1873,	\$7.35
Benj. B. Nudd, snowing bridge in 1873,	7.00
F. A. Fisk, for drawing bridge stone,	20.00
S. C. Pickard, for work on bridges,	21.00
Arthur Clough, for drawing bridge stone,	10.00
John Glines, for non-res. highway tax for 1874,	7.49
Rufus Boynton, " " "	1.83
Frank P. Dow, " " "	2.67
John L. Tallant, for stone in 1874,	8.65
Evans & Gale, for nails and spikes,	1.00
J. C. Glover, for work on bridges,	6.00
A. Blanchard, " " "	3.25
E. E. Pickard, for non-res. highway tax, 1874,	8.67
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	\$104.91

School Money.

Dis. No.	1.	Paid Henry F. Stone,	\$182.17
	2.	" Daniel Randall,	85.23
	3.	" Joseph C. Sanborn,	113.11
	4.	" Frank P. Dow,	168.30
	5.	" Myron C. Foster,	119.33
	6.	" Rufus Boynton,	153.45
	7.	" Dan. W. Morrill,	242.12
	8.	" James S. Kaime,	168.57
	9.	" Joseph M. Bean,	59.99
	10.	" Albert Brown,	105.00
	11.	" Leonard Colby, Jr.,	93.36
	12.	" Wm. W. Wheeler,	86.60
	7.	(Loudon.) Paid Joseph B. Brown,	14.47
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			\$1,591.70

Support of Paupers.

Paid for Mary A. French,	\$232.72
Alonzo G. Foster,	14.59
Thomas Crowley,	43.79
Mrs. Hiram Kimball,	88.00
Charles M. Davis,	55.93
Polly Shaw,	65.00
Cornelius Braley,	30.02
Transient persons,	28.25
S. C. Pickard, for pauper service,	41.50
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	\$599.80

Town Officers.

Paid Joseph E. Kimball, services and expenses as selectman,	\$67.00
Joseph E. Kimball, board of selectmen, and postage,	15.00
S. C. Pickard, services as selectman,	59.25
J. G. Clough, services as selectman,	46.00
George W. Richardson, board and office rent,	15.00
A. H. Brown,—treasurer, \$30, town clerk, \$25,	55.00
S. B. Foster, collector,	111.17
E. Osgood, chairman school committee,	5.00
David and Dan. W. Morrill, auditors,	4.00
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	\$377.42

 RECAPITULATION.

Paid on notes and interest,	\$4,608.25
miscellaneous bills,	2,884.33
for roads and bridges,	104.91
support of schools,	1,591.70
support of paupers,	599.80
town officers,	377.42
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	\$10,166.41

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN MARCH 1, 1875.

Notes and Interest.

Mittie C. Clough,	\$235.60
John Glines,	162.30
Fred. W. Ingalls,	138.31
Melinda Hoag,	475.00
Lowell Beck,	117.07
Franklin Keniston,	200.02
Charles Jones,	2,018.31
Sally and Eliza Randall,	2,528.12
Lydia Carter,	82.04
E. M. P. Wiggin,	329.78
Sarah E. Wiggin,	69.16
John H. Wiggin,	109.91
Orianna Morrill,	57.07
Charles W. Emery,	99.19
Susan F. Cogswell,	534.94
Ella L. Carter,	34.03
Mary A. Carter,	33.74
Sarah J. Miles,	163.88
James S. Elkins,	4,148.39
James S. Elkins, F. B. S.,	1,170.42
Ann E. Ingalls,	398.41
Betsey S. Morrill,	446.32
Phebe S. Cofran,	121.31
Moses M. Emery,	487.39
Grover Merrill,	545.38
Joseph Pickard,	287.72
Geo. A. Pickard,	127.21
Henry S. Pickard,	20.08
Sarah A. Evans,	56.84
Dora S. Evans,	31.80
Mrs. Arthur L. Hanniford,	253.18
Silas Q. Heath,	100.83
Betsey H. Mathes,	139.25
Eunice Morse,	87.17
Joseph M. Foster,	263.11
Tirzah A. R. Dow,	106.55
Ebenezer Glover,	52.69
Hiram Miles,	1,057.57
Thomas Clough, guardian,	488.63

Madison Walley,	\$26.33
Arthur L. Hanniford,	30.82
Mrs. James Doldt, treasurer L. B. S.,	40.78
Joseph W. Bland,	126.04
Hazen Dicy,	1,214.00

Amount of liabilities on notes,	\$19,216.69
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Due from collector Foster,	\$822.49
Charles Smith,	109.45
Stephen Wiggin,	44.04
Balance in hands of treasurer,	1,680.47
Balance against the town,	16,560.24
Amount of literary fund,	1,391.82
Amount held in trust from B. Whidden estate,	200.00

JOSEPH E. KIMBALL,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Canterbury.</i>
SAMUEL C. PICKARD,	
JOSEPH G. CLOUGH,	

ALFRED H. BROWN, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1875, have attended to our duty, and find said accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

DAVID MORRILL,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
DAN W. MORRILL,	



SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 1 (*Blanchard*).

Summer term taught by Miss Lottie A. Eastman. Our visit at the first of the term found each scholar earnestly at work. Miss Eastman seemed very zealous in the service for which she is naturally adapted. The examination showed that teacher and pupils had labored hard during the term, as there was a marked proficiency in some of the studies.

Winter term taught by Miss Anna M. Wheeler, of Loudon. One visit to the school showed Miss Wheeler was sustaining her former high reputation as a teacher. The scholars seemed interested, and the school was all that could be expected.

DISTRICT No. 2 (*West Road*).

Both terms taught by Miss Myra J. Ayers. The teacher worked earnestly for her scholars, and, being in harmony with them, the school was all that could be expected.

DISTRICT No. 3 (*Borough*).

Miss Anna E. Sanborn, teacher both terms. The school was all we could expect or desire. Good order and thoroughness were manifest in every branch taught. The respect which the scholars had for the teacher was very pleasant and commendable.

DISTRICT No. 4 (*Baptist*).

Summer term taught by Miss Abbie A. Brown, of Chichester. The teacher worked earnestly to interest and instruct her pupils, and great improvement was manifested, especially by the little ones, at the close of the term. Miss Brown had reason to be proud of her youngest class, which did honor to themselves and to her.

Winter term, which is now in session, is being taught by Miss Addie West, of Chichester. The school appears finely, and we have reason to think it will be a success.

DISTRICT No. 5 (*Hackleborough*).

Summer term taught by Miss Louise M. Pickard. The teacher worked hard, and succeeded in interesting her scholars, which insured success. The scholars showed work on their part, giving their answers promptly, and, as a rule, correctly. The order, fair at first, improved to excellent.

Winter term taught by Miss Martha J. Foster, who fully sustained her former high reputation as a teacher. The district may well be proud of its schools; and if it continues to be as fortunate in teachers as this year, will still be one of our best.

DISTRICT No. 6 (*Hill's Corner*).

Summer term taught by Miss Hattie A. Drake, of New Hampton. Miss Drake, as a governess, was not equal to her task; hence the school was a failure, as no school can prosper without good order. The teacher remarked in her register that "the scholars soon got beyond her control." This school needs a teacher of much care and decision of character.

Winter term taught by Miss Emma J. Jones, who is naturally a teacher. Here she had a good field for practice. She won the affections of her pupils, and excited their energies, and the result was a very successful term.

DISTRICT No. 7 (*Centre*).

Had three terms, all taught by Miss Cynthia E. Mathes, an experienced and successful teacher. Good order and thorough scholarship characterized each term. This school is attaining a higher order of discipline and excellence.

DISTRICT No. 8 (*Shakers*).

The first term was taught by Flora Williams, and the second by Elizabeth Martin. We have no hesitancy in saying the teachers devoted all their time to the best interests of the pupils. The progress in the several branches of education was very commendable.

DISTRICT No. 9 (*Ingalls*).

Both terms were taught by Miss Mary A. Sleeper. The teacher was deeply interested in her work, and the pupils manifested a corresponding zeal. The exercises were conducted in a very gentle and pleasant manner, and evinced commendable progress.

DISTRICT No. 10 (*Depot*).

Summer term taught by Miss Clara B. Ford. Miss Ford entered upon her duties with a determination to do her best. There had previously been a lack of discipline and thoroughness in this school. Miss Ford adopted strict rules, and soon had her pupils under good subjection. They were thoroughly drilled, and showed a marked improvement.

Winter term taught by Miss Mary E. Fellows, a graduate of the Concord High School. She labored hard, and the rapid improvement, as evinced at the closing examination, showed her work had not been in vain.

DISTRICT No. 11 (*Upper Intervale*).

Summer term taught by Miss Electa M. Dow. The order was very good. The scholars seemed interested in their studies, and good improvement was visible.

Fall term, taught by Miss Sarah M. Colby, who sustains a high reputation as a teacher, was a success. The order was good, the answers given promptly, and much interest evinced by the scholars. The report of the teacher shows a remarkably good attendance, there being ten out of sixteen scholars that had no mark against their names.

Winter term taught by Miss Clara R. Thorpe. Great improvement could not be expected in a term of scarcely five weeks, yet it seemed that all was done that could be in so brief a time. The order at the closing examination was perfect.

DISTRICT No. 12 (*Carter*).

One term taught by Miss Sarah E. Wiggin, who sustained her former reputation as a teacher. Miss Wiggin remarks in her register,—“I have labored hard for the improvement of my scholars, and they have appreciated my efforts, and given me their respect and hearty coöperation.”

GENERAL REMARKS.

Fellow Citizens :

As chairman of your superintending school committee I have the pleasure of submitting to you the accompanying report, and would add a few explanatory and suggestive remarks. I can well congratulate you on the success of your schools the past year: There have been but few hindrances to progress, and those mostly from sickness, in which No. 12 shared slightly, Nos. 6 and 5 so much so that suspension became necessary. In No. 6 you will see that the summer term was reported a failure. There was not an adaptation of teacher to scholars and parents. The teacher had been very successful elsewhere, and other teachers have succeeded well here.

The citizens of this district are not wanting so much in interest as in union. To make this and all our schools what they should be, we must lay aside all our personal animosities, feuds, and whisperings, and work for the good of our respective schools; and if we must be revenged for personal injuries and to feed our jealousies, pray let us do it personally, so as not to injure the innocent with the real or supposed guilty.

Your school-houses are in a tolerably good condition, but some need repairs. Nearly all need to be better guarded from the hand of the spoiler. More apparatus is needed, such as globes, clocks, thermometers, square and cube blocks, and blackboards; also, Webster's Unabridged Dictionaries, large maps of our state and the United States, with outline maps, charts, &c.

Visit your schools often; it will have a good influence on them. If you see or know any faults in relation to your school, in the utmost kindness communicate them to your prudential committee, or teacher, or both, and seek a correction quietly.

Be sure that your children spend most of their evenings at home in time of school, and that their school studies have quite

a share of that time, and that will add about one third to the benefit of the school, and also add materially to their moral character, which is a matter of the utmost importance; for a well educated person can do more mischief than two who are not.

I have omitted the usual statistical table from your printed report, as being of little interest to many, and any wishing to consult one can call at the office of the town-clerk and do so. Also, have omitted the roll of honor as being of little use, as a poor scholar would be just as likely to be in time for play as a good one for school; and many are hindered by travelling, or other circumstances beyond their will or control. Were I able to give a true roll of honor to such as would try the hardest, however they might succeed, I would most gladly do so.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

EDWARD OSGOOD,

Chairman Superintending School Committee.

Canterbury, Feb. 20, 1875.